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Soviet Ships Turned Over to Bulgaria

1. In the summer of 1954, the Soviets allegedly turned over to Bulgaria three destroyers which, since that time, have been based at Sozopol. These three ships do not appear to have docked at any other Bulgarian port.

The Naval Base of Sozopol

2. The town of Sozopol has been transformed into a naval base. A breakwater was constructed in order to close off the small gulf located between two promontories. Persons not residing in Sozopol are forbidden to enter the town and thus no details can be given concerning the destroyers mentioned above, although their presence at Sozopol has been confirmed by several sources.
- A vessel which attempted to get as close as possible to the coast in order to see the destroyers, got as far as the 3-mile limit and was forced to leave by two fast PT boats which came out of Sozopol. It was however possible to observe the masts and from these to determine that the ships were destroyers.

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